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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All. b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities:

While the dependent claims suggest that claim 6 is directed to a computer system, claim 6 itself does not make it very clear. It seems either the limitation "In" at the beginning of the claim should be deleted or "the computer system" should be added just before "comprising:" limitation. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for some data communications protocols, does not reasonably provide enablement for an adapter that handles any present or future protocols. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. For example, the specification does not disclose how one of ordinary skill in the art can make and use unpublished proprietary communications protocols that exist today. Nor does it disclose how one can make and use future protocols that don't even exist today.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1 – 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oeda et al. (US Patent No. 5,809,279, hereinafter “Oeda”).

6. With respect to claims 1, 6 8, 9 and 11, Oeda discloses a computer system (figure 4) with a plurality of data processing channels having processors generating data output, a data storage and transfer system, comprising:

a data storage device (4) having a data storage capacity at least as large as a maximum storage capacity required by the channels of the plurality of data processing channels combined, and having parts each assigned to a respective one of the plurality of data processing channels (figure 4, partition 41 is assigned to host 1A channel and 42 is assigned to host 1B channel);

an intermediate adapter (5) connected between the plurality of data processing channels and said data storage device for transferring data between the data processing channels and said data storage device;

said intermediate adapter including a device for distributing the data being transferred between said data storage device and the plurality of data processing channels (the controller distributes data between the hosts and the partitions appropriately); and

wherein said intermediate adapter connects each of the plurality of data processing channels to a respective said part of said data storage device (see figure 4, the controller connects host 1A to 41 and host 1B to 42).

7. With respect to claims 2 and 3, the system uses SCSI protocol.
8. With respect to claims 4 and 7, the controller handles partition to device mapping and transfer of data. See figure 2.
9. With respect to claims 5 and 10, a plurality of cables or connectors is required to connect multiple hosts to a SCSI bus.
10. With respect to claim 12, the partitions are SCSI devices to the hosts.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Woo H. Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4179. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reginald Bragdon can be reached on (571) 272-4204. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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